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Dear friends of aerophilately,

Although I am only 60 years young, I have been collecting airmail for 50 years. I had my first contact with philately as a child and joined the Ulm stamp collectors' association at the age of 14. I have been a member there to this day, for 46 years now.

I very quickly came into contact with balloon mail and founded the Ballonpost e.V. working group in the Association of German Philatelists e.V. in 1989. My interest quickly expanded to include Zeppelin mail and airmail with all special areas. I am particularly fascinated by the pioneers of the period up to 1918.

I have also been dedicating myself professionally to AEROPHILATY for over 30 years. I hold auctions three times a year, attend trade fairs/exhibitions and run an online shop with over 50,000 different offers. I also work as an author and publisher in the field of literature.

As a member of several airmail collectors' associations, I maintain intensive contacts with collectors and work as deputy chairman of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Zeppelinpost e.V. and on the board of the Swiss Aerophilatelist Association e.V. (SAV) as an auctioneer for the association's auctions. For the F.I.S.A. I was allowed to work as an auditor until 2023.

It is an honor for me to serve as President of the F.I.S.A. was proposed. After careful consideration, I have decided to run and will accept the position if necessary. In this case, I see the following priorities for the first few years:

- → Enlivening the stationary meetings and holding the annual FISA congresses.
- → At the same time, increased use of opportunities in the digital area
- → Promoting the international networking of collectors and their clubs
- → Appreciation of innovations in the field of research and literature
- → Representing the interests of aerophilately and astrophiliate in exhibitions

I am happy to answer any further questions.

Best regards.

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